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## **4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS**

All of the input from everyone at the Post Fair meetings is appreciated. Fairbook changes will be voted on at the meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Great job to all of the horse members that attended fair. You all showed great sportsmanship. You represented 4-H and yourselves very well.

Roni Baker  
Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

## **LEADERS, 4-H NEEDS YOU!**

As we begin a new 4-H year, we want to remind you that decisions are made by those who regularly attend meetings. We encourage you to attend these meetings to participate in this process.

If you are new to 4-H, the leader meetings are an important resource of knowledgeable people and information about various 4-H projects and programs. So

what are you waiting for? Jump in and get your feet wet!

Our meetings are posted in the newsletter calendar ~ we'd love to have you join us! It's also a great way to meet others involved in similar projects to share information.

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT NEEDS**

### **Glass Donation**

If you have any old glasses, glass cups or small dishes, we would welcome donations for the Dime Toss booth at Family Fun Night.

If possible, please bring your donations to the Extension Office before November 17<sup>th</sup> or bring them to Metra's Montana Pavilion on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Each club needs to bring 50 items. Thank you!

## **4-H COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

Thank you to Stephanie Johnson who served as the 4-H Council President last year. Your service is appreciated.

The next 4-H Council meeting is on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **ALBERTA 4-H LEADER'S CONFERENCE**

Plans are underway for the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference January 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Once again, Montana 4-H has been invited to send adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference.



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**Who May Apply to Attend:**

Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants:

- Who have not previously attended.
- From counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years.
- Who have served as leaders for 3 or more years (including the current year).

The application for participation in the Alberta Leaders' Conference is available at the Extension Office.

Application forms are due (in Bozeman, not postmarked by) at the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## 4-H AWARDS

Clubs that wish to turn in their ballots for Friendship Award, Friend of 4-H Award, Outstanding Teen Leader Award, Outstanding Leader and Alumni Award, please do so by October 14<sup>th</sup>. These special awards need input from everyone. Ballots were included in club enrollment packet and were emailed to organizational leaders.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Plans for Family Fun Night are underway. Family Fun Night will again be held in the Montana Pavilion at MetraPark on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. Mark your calendar. It should be great fun!

## MSU BOZEMAN INNOVATIVE 4-H PROGRAMMING GRANTS

**Available Funds:** \$2,500 Grants - usually ranging from \$200 to \$600.

**Application Deadline:** November 1 (main deadline) and April 1 (for any remaining funds).

**Source of Funds:** Montana 4-H Foundation, MSU-Bozeman

**Grant Criteria:**

1. Innovative youth or adult volunteer leader educational programs. Program efforts currently conducted are not eligible.
2. Programs currently being conducted in other states qualify.

3. Project must have potential to be replicated in other Montana counties.
4. Project can reach existing or new audiences.
5. Application team and teaching team (can be different) must include an Extension staff person, an adult volunteer, and a teen volunteer.
6. Project and evaluation must be completed within one year of submission deadline.

Contact Roni to discuss ideas and get an application!

## BASKET SALES

Once again this year the Interstate Exchange Group will have baskets for sale at Family Fun Night. The money raised by each person goes into their fund to pay for their annual trip. Clubs will not have the opportunity to sell baskets as a club fundraiser.

Every year there are some awesome baskets. Be sure to check them out and bid on them in the Silent Auction. *Please be prepared to pay at Family Fun Night.*

## CITIZENSHIP INTERVIEWS

Each year Yellowstone County sends individuals to the Montana Citizenship Seminar in Helena and to Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. To be considered as a delegate, you must get your registration form turned in by Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and participate in the Citizenship Interviews which will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Applications will be mailed in mid October to 4-H members age 14 and older. Brush up on current affairs, read the newspaper, watch TV news and know your state representatives.

MT Citizenship Seminar - must be 14 by October 1, 2011 (will be held January 2013)

Washington Focus - must be 15 by October 1, 2011 (takes place June 9–16, 2012.)

## LEADER/PARENT BBQ OCT. 1

All Parents and Leaders are invited to the annual Leader/Parent BBQ to be held Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Yellowstone Room, MetraPark. Brenda Hermanson

will be cooking up her famous Brazilian Barbecue. Please bring a dish (dessert or salad) to share & your own drinks.

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION ARE APPRECIATED

It would amaze many people the number of comments we receive when a thank you note has been sent and equally so when a thank you note *has not* been sent. Remember to thank sponsors, buyers, leaders, etc. A thank you for the time and energy your parents give would also be appreciated.

IDEA: Some clubs write their notes at a club meeting.

## 2011 STUDENT AG EXPO

What was MSU Ag Days is now the Student Ag Expo. The Montana FFA has taken responsibility of this event and invite you to take part in this fantastic learning opportunity. It will be Nov. 3 ~ 5, in Billings at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana.

This event will tie into several Montana FFA activities, but the traditional Ag Days events as well as the NILE Livestock Judging are open to 4-H members.

Livestock Judging will be held Thurs., Nov. 3, from 8:00 am to noon. Additional events open to 4-Her's include: Ag Communication, Ag Issues, Ag Marketing, Ag Mechanics, Ag Sales, Ag Science Poster, Agronomy, Extemporaneous Speaking, Meats Evaluation, Meeting Procedures, and Quiz Bowl. **If you are interested in participating, contact Roni Baker by Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## MONTANA REC LAB PROPOSALS DUE

Workshop proposals for the 2012 Rec Lab, to be held in Lewistown, March 16-18, 2012, are now being accepted. Both teen and adult presenters are invited to submit proposals. The theme selected for the 2012 Rec Lab is **"100 Years of Green"**. We will be focusing on Montana 4-H's Centennial & how things were done in the past 100 years. Keep in mind participant age range is 13-19. Proposal entry forms are available at the Extension Office or can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website. Return your proposal by October 1, 2011 to: MSU Extension Chouteau County – PO Box 459, Fort Benton,

MT. 59442 or email to [chouteau2@montana.edu](mailto:chouteau2@montana.edu).

If you have questions, please call 406-622-3751.

## "LEARN TO EARN" FUNDRAISING

Earn to Learn is a youth group fundraising program targeted for rural communities sponsored by CRYSTALYX<sup>®</sup> Brand Supplements. The program is designed to assist any youth group, such as 4-H clubs or FFA chapters, raise funds to participate in educational activities that require additional financial resources.

Here's how the fundraising program works:

1. Youth groups develop a goal of funds needed for their educational event or activities.
2. Youth groups plan a strategy of contacting prospective livestock producers in their area who can use the discount cards to reduce their supplement costs.
3. A fundraising calendar is established, cards are sold and proceeds are collected at the end of the campaign. All earnings stay with the youth group.
4. Livestock Producers realize generous savings by redeeming a \$40 discount per card on one ton of CRYSTALYX<sup>®</sup> product at their participating CRYSTALYX<sup>®</sup> dealer.
5. Dealers submit discount cards and supporting invoice for reimbursement from CRYSTALYX<sup>®</sup> Brand Supplements.

If your club is interested, please contact Roni at 256-2828.

## 4-H LICENSE PLATES

Montana 4-H License Plates are still available. All application or renewal of license plates is handled by the country treasurer. Cost of the plate is \$35. Of this fee, \$15 goes to the county treasurer, \$10 to the Montana 4-H Foundation and \$10 to the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation. The license plate renewal fee is \$20 which goes to 4-H (state and local).

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week - October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - is fast approaching. This year the focus for [National 4-H Week](#) is on the new brand campaign *Join the Revolution of Responsibility*.

The *Revolution of Responsibility* is a movement for positive change in every community in America. The campaign illustrates how 4-H youth are breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. You can download kit materials from [www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/](http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/)

## NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

National 4-H Conference will be held March 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington, D.C. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action.

### Who May Attend:

Montana will send a delegation of up to four participants. Youth delegate: Must be 15–18 years old as of January 1, 2012 and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend.

Adult Chaperone Delegate: Must be an enrolled volunteer in the Montana 4-H Program (24 years or older).

### Application Process:

Complete the application available at the Extension office by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be reviewed by selection committee and delegates will be selected.

### Delegate Expenses:

Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependant on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,400 total cost per participant.

## WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM

Wyoming state will be hosting the 2012 Western Regional Leaders Forum on January 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Historic Plains Hotel and the Union Depot in Cheyenne. You will want to start planning now to register for a fun and exciting time under cowboy skies!

“Why do Teens Act that Way? A survival guide to the teen brain” will be the topic of the keynote address presented by Dr. David Walsh. The capnote speaker will be from the Center for Cowboy Ethics and leadership. In between there will be over 83 hours of educational workshops so that all participants will return to their home county with new ideas, re-motivated and ready to take on a new 4-H year. Early bird registration of \$225 ends Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

More information is available at

[http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp)

## LOAN PROGRAMS FROM THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AG

The **Junior Agriculture Loan** is available to youth ages 9-11 with a maximum of \$3,500 for up to five years. Youth ages 12-21 may borrow a maximum of \$8,500 for up to five years.

The **Rural Assistance Loan Program** is available to individuals 18 years of age and above for a maximum of \$50,000; terms vary by loan type. Application forms are available on the web:

<http://agr.mt.gov/business/pdf/jrAgLoan.pdf>

Or call Walt @ 406-444-2402

### Youth Loan Program - Farm Service Agency

Youth between 10-20 years old living in towns under 10,000 may apply for loans up to \$5,000. For more information call FSA @ 406-727-7580.

## PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C. next May by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. More importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example.

These prestigious awards recognize young people in grades 5–12 on the basis of their volunteer activities. It's easy to apply, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> and click on “Apply Now” and follow the online instructions. Applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to Roni Baker by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

In 2012, there will be Outbound programs (various age requirements; minimum age 14) to Australia, Norway and Japan as well as International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) Programs for former 4-H youth age 19-30. Participant & Chaperone applications are due Jan. 1, 2012.

Start thinking now about applying. Visit the state 4-H website at: [www.montana4h.org/#program:13](http://www.montana4h.org/#program:13) for more information. Or call Stephanie Davison in Bozeman at 406-334-3502 or email [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu). Please see the insert in this month's newsletter.

### ATTENTION ALL 4-H CLUBS: ADVICE FOR STARTING THE NEW 4-H YEAR OFF RIGHT

Plan your year (give guidance but let the kids make choices—don't forget to have fun!) Recruit help! Elect new officers! Pick up your planning guide at the 4-H office.

- A. Community Service (choose at least 1 project per club) - ask the 4-H office for ideas.
- B. Fundraisers (decide how to raise money for camp, fair, club events, etc.) - 4-H office has materials.
- C. Field Trips (learn & have fun)
- D. Guests (informative & fun)
- E. Club Demos (relaxed atmosphere—have each kid do one; prepare for Communication Day.)

### COUNTY AWARDS

Outstanding Member nomination forms were sent in last month's newsletter and given out in the fair packets. I encourage everyone to nominate members by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you need a form contact the Extension Office or print the form off the county 4-H website

[www.co.yellowstone.mt.us/extension/county4h/](http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.us/extension/county4h/)

You may also use the form as a guide and type up your nominations to be saved as a file that can be emailed to [ronibaker@montana.edu](mailto:ronibaker@montana.edu) **If you don't get a response to your email, call Roni! Often our county email firewall blocks incoming email.** You can also fax them to 256-2825.

## 4-H ENROLLMENT IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

The following is an update on our end of year enrollment data. Be sure to encourage your members and leaders to join again. Recruit new families to your club.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Clubs</u>
2007	513	239	20
2008	485	229	21
2009	442	225	22
2010	410	214	19
2011	417	206	20

### USED 4-H PROJECT MATERIALS

If you have any 4-H project books that are not being used and **have not be written in**, PLEASE return them to the Extension Office. We re-use them to keep costs down.

### 4-H LEADERS

Thank you to these committed 4-H Leaders.

#### 10 Year Leaders:

Brenda Bromenshenk	Hesper Hustlers
Gina Loose	Huntley Eagles
Jay Nansel	Hesper Hustlers
John Nelson	Worden Riverdale
Dawn Sherseth	Shepherd Pioneers
Cindy Sundheim	Boots & Britches
Lori Trafford	Boots & Britches

#### 15 Year Leaders:

Trish Hays	Huntley Eagles
Alma Longmire	Worden Riverdale
Linda McCormick	Hesper Hustlers

#### 25 Year Leaders:

Lauris Byxbe	Kountry Kritters
Dixie Osborne	Shepherd Pioneers
Wes Osborne	Shepherd Pioneers

### reACT AGAINST TOBACCO

reACT Against Corporate Tobacco is Montana's youth empowerment movement which encourages teens to educate their peers about the truth and facts of the tobacco



industry. Its education, motivation, and empowerment for Montana teens who choose to fight against corporate tobacco's deceptive tactics. reACT recognizes the power of teens' determination, influence and ability to effect change. reACT focuses that power towards media literacy, peer education, and grassroots advocacy to motivate all Montana teens to fight back against corporate tobacco. reACT joins statewide youth empowerment movements across the country in taking a stand and speaking, because Montana teens won't be 'replacement smokers' for the tobacco industry.

Visit [www.reactmt.com](http://www.reactmt.com) to learn more about who we are and what we do; then take action in your local community.

### 4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Big Sky Feeds	Bull Mountain Grill
First Interstate Bank	Stockman Bank
Farm Bureau	Shiptons Big R
Albertsons on Central Ave.	

### YELLOWSTONE COUNTY NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY EXPERIMENT

On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Yellowstone County 4-H would like to invite all youth to participate in the National Youth Science Day Experiment, where young people across the nation will become scientists for that day. In this year's experiment, **Wired for Wind**, youth will engage in the engineering design process of renewable wind energy technology. Please join us in the Yellowstone County Courthouse Room 105 at 5:30 pm for this fun-filled experiment!

### EXCHANGE HOSTS HAUNTED HOUSE

Yellowstone County 4-H Exchange will be having a Haunted House Ghost Town at Oscar Park (4002 Story Road on the west end). Admission is \$6.00 or \$5.00 with

a canned food donation. Food will go to the Billings Food Bank. Monies raised benefit Exchange 4-Hers.

Open 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 21 & 22

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 28 & 29

If you have any spooky items you would like to donate or if you would like to help, please contact Mary Cardwell @ 670-9930. Don't forget to tell your friends!! See you there.

### 4-H CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES

Here are the secretary minutes submitted Oct. ~ Sept. for the last three 4-H years. Ideally each club should have 11.

Club	'08-'09	'09-'10	10-'11'
Blue Creek Jumping			
Bucks	0	2	8
Boots & Britches	5	1	0
City Kids	11	10	8
City Slickers	10	11	5
Cool Clovers	na/	n/a	6
Explorers	3	0	0
Heights Trailblazers	3	0	0
Hesper Hustlers	11	0	2
Huntley Eagles	5	8	5
Kountry Kritters	1	1	0
Laurel Roadrunners	8	11	2
Lockwood Humble Bs	11	11	7
Lockwood Outlaws	0	0	0
Project Rockin Wranglers	n/a	n/a	4
Ruff Riders	10	10	9
Shepherd Pioneers	8	8	10
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	11	11	10
Town & Country	0	10	8
Worden Riverdale	6	8	4
Yellowstone Mavericks	10	11	10

### TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER PROMO

Tractor Supply Company stores in Billings and Laurel are again supporting local 4-H youth with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign, a national fundraising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programs where a TSC store is located. From Wednesday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 2, shoppers at the Billings and Laurel TSC will have the opportunity to support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at checkout. All money raised will stay in our communities!

Now entering its second year, the TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign has provided nearly \$500,000 to local 4-H programs across the country. Wow! Be sure to thank TSC when you purchase your clovers.

## DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

### DEPARTMENT N FAIRBOOK

Clubs or individuals who have input for the Department N Fairbook, please have it in by October 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Fair Rules and Policy Change Form. Changes will be voted on at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### 4-H SHOWCASE PLANNING

The first meeting for the spring 2012 Showcase and Public Revue will be held during the November Department N meeting on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Each club must have a Showcase representative attend the Department N meeting to plan for this big event next spring. Clubs not sending representatives may not be allowed to have their members participate.**

This would be a good time to encourage a teen leader to attend along with the adult leader. (adf/3/2/01)

### CAKE WORKSHOP LEADER NEEDED

Carol Corder has some upcoming commitments for this 4-H year and will be unable to teach the Cake Decorating Workshops. Anyone interested in taking on this leadership role, contact Roni at 256-2828.

## LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

### SMALL ANIMAL / SALE / LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 28<sup>th</sup>

Small Animal Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm

Sale Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm

Livestock Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fair rule change proposal forms due to the Extension Office.

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Horse & Colt Meeting – 6:00 pm

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Livestock fairbook changes voted on at these meetings.

Small Animal Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm

Sale Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm

Livestock Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm. All fairbook changes (**Department N & A**) proposed from the committees will be voted on at this meeting.

**All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and voice their opinions.**

### HORSE FAIRBOOK CHANGES

Horse Fairbook changes will be made at the October 19<sup>th</sup> Horse and Colt meeting in Room 105 of the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in these issues or others should plan on attending the meeting. Changes must be submitted on the Fair Rules and Policy Change Form by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

### CASPER COLLEGE LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Casper College will be holding a Livestock Judging contest on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Grace Werner Agriculture Pavilion on the Casper College campus. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the contest will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. RSVP to Heath Hornecker at 307-268-2525 or [hhornecker@caspercollege.edu](mailto:hhornecker@caspercollege.edu)

### CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month.

**City Kids**-We talked about doing a club project. County awards were explained

**Cool Clovers**-Record books are due Oct. 1. The Family Fun Night booth & Holiday activities were discussed.

**Lockwood Humble Bs**-Fair was reviewed and enrollment forms were handed out.

**Shepherd Pioneers**-We elected officers after reports were given. A speaker talked with us about tobacco prevention.

**Shepherd Tumbleweeds**-Record books are due Oct. 1. We talked about the Family Fun Night booth.

**Ruff Riders**-We had a report from the Famer's Market Service project. We selected County Award nominations for all categories.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICERS & ROLES

The officer and committee system is a good way of dividing jobs and responsibilities among club members in an orderly way. The number of officers needed is determined by the size and type of club. Club officers are usually elected annually, near the beginning of the 4-H year. One of the Leaders or parents should be responsible for helping officers carry out their responsibilities. Encourage the officers to attend officer training when it is offered at the county or state level.

President—Prepares the agenda with other officers and Leader, and presides at club meetings.

Vice-President—Assumes duties of President in his/her absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

Secretary—Keeps complete and accurate records/minutes of each business meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club roll and all other club records to date.

Treasurer—Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records. All checks should be co-signed with the Organizational Leader.

Historian—Maintains and updates the club's history book to preserve information for future club members.

Reporter—Writes news stories about meetings and special events for the local newspaper.

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL RECORD BOOK

Start your record book at the beginning of the 4-H year. Write goals for the year at the BEGINNING of the year. You should try to write at least three goals for each part of the book.

**My 4-H Year** – The front page must be completed including three goals and leader's signature. Every section must have something listed, including promotion and communication. If nothing was done in an area or section of a record sheet, write "none". You should have a project journal for every project listed on the My 4-H Year sheet. Your picture should be attached.

**Non Animal Project/Financial Journal** – Project/financial journals are needed for every project. Project sheets need to contain the name of the project and the year these records were kept. Every section needs to have something written in it. Including three goals and financial records. Transfer financial totals to back page.

**Animal Record & Journal** – Animal journals need to be included for every livestock project, including cat, dog, and pocket pet. These are for all animal projects, not just market projects. Include animal category (i.e. beef, dog, etc.), your name and the years the records were kept, plus a leader or parent's signature. One Animal Record & Journal can be used if the same animal is used in more than one project. Each section should be complete or if noting applies, write "none".

To help organize yourself—either make a "sloppy copy" of your forms or use a calendar as you go through the year. Keep up with this and then the job of completing your record book at the end of the year is easy.

Make sure your record book is complete. This is a "record" of your year—your 4-H story. It is really fun to look back in the future to what you did while in 4-H. Make it complete enough that a person who is not familiar with your project could pick up your record book and look through it and it will make sense to that person.

Additional things you may wish to include in your record book (not required):

Additional pictures of any of your 4-H experiences, projects, etc. Ribbons or pictures of ribbons. Certificates or awards received. Other items you wish to add to your book.





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**4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension**

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## Hosting an International Exchange Delegate

States' 4-H International Education Program (S4-HIEP)			IFYE (19-30)
	Short-term Program	Long-term Program	
<b>When</b>	Summer	School year	Summer and Fall
<b>How Long</b>	2 weeks – 1 month	9-10 months	3 weeks or more
<b>Who</b>	Youth from Japan, Costa Rica, Norway or Finland OR adult chaperone from Japan	High school student from Japan, Eurasian countries.	Young adults from countries around the world.
<b>Requirements</b>	Youth must stay with families who have a youth within 2 years of age as the person they host. Adults may stay with any type of family (with or without children).	Youth can stay with a family of any configuration although families with children (of any age) are preferred.	Young adults may stay with any type of family, but prefer farm/ranch families.
<b>Cost</b>	Families provide room and board – delegates come with insurance and their own spending money.	Families provide room and board – delegates come with insurance and their own spending money.	Room & board – delegates have insurance and spending money.
<b>Reimbursement</b>	There is no reimbursement to families – all volunteer. Families that host Japanese delegates receive a \$100 credit toward sending their child on a reciprocal exchange.	Families can claim \$50 per month tax credit. Families that host a Japanese delegate receive a \$1000 credit toward sending their child on a reciprocal, one month exchange.	All volunteer.
<b>Why</b>	This is an amazing opportunity to show your culture to another and to learn many things about someone from another culture – all without traveling.	This is an amazing opportunity to show your culture to another and to learn many things about someone from another culture – all without traveling.	This is an amazing opportunity to show your culture to another and to learn many things about someone from another culture – all without traveling. PLUS, IFYEs like to help work.
<b>Things to know</b>	Language barrier can be difficult, but not prohibitive to those who take time and are excited to learn.	Language ability is much higher than the summer youth. Delegates must attend public school.	Language is usually not a difficulty as all delegates speak a fair amount of English.

## Traveling with Montana 4-H

	Australia	Costa Rica	Japan		IFYE
			8 wk.	4 wk.	
<b>When</b>	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer	Summer-Fall
<b>Length</b>	Mid-Jun-Jul (1 month)	Mid-Jun-Jul (1 month)	Mid-Jun-Aug (2 months)	Jul-Aug (1 month)	Mid June-Sep or Dec (3-6 months)
<b>Who</b>	4-H age youth or adult chaperone	4-H age youth or adult chaperone	4-H age youth or adult chaperone	4-H age youth or adult chaperone	19-30 year old (former 4- Hers preferred)
<b>Requirements</b>	Ages 16-19	Ages 15-18	Ages 15-19	Ages 14-19	Ages 19+
<b>Cost (approx)</b>	\$4500-\$4900	\$2500-\$2800	\$4600-\$4900	\$3600-\$3900	\$2500
<b>What</b>	Travel with 4-H youth from across the country. A chaperone accompanies the group. Home-stay in Victoria area with the Australia Exchange Network.	Travel with 4-H youth from across the country. A chaperone accompanies the group. Home-stay in Turrubarras County with Fundacion Nacional de Clubes 4S.	3-week intensive language & cultural experience with the Labo Institute precedes a 4-week exchange. Home-stay in Tokyo.	Travel with 4-H youth from across the country. A chaperone accompanies the group. Home-stay with LEX or Labo, Japanese youth organizations.	Meet other IFYEs at a National orientation then travel to your host country. Multiple one- week home-stays to 3- week home-stays for the duration of the exchange.
<b>Highlights</b>	Farm exchange for those interested in working on a farm or ranch; exchange takes place during Australia's winter	Visit to a rain forest plus a one-week rustic camp experience	This is for independent 4-Hers who want to immerse themselves in the Japanese language	Labo hosts a one- week camp	Farm and ranch stays plus two weeks of free time for personal travel. IFYEs report their experiences when they return



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